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Bowling Green, Ky.
Feb. 1919.

My Friend:

I am asking you in this letter to do something that will not only please me and put me under renewed obligations to you, but give you an opportunity to serve your State. As you may know, Mr. H. H. Cherry of this city is a candidate for Governor of Kentucky. I am not a politician, have never been and shall never be, consequently Mr. Cherry's election or defeat will in no wise affect my personal ambitions. For twenty-six years I have been intimately associated with this remarkable man. I have watched him develop from a promising, industrious, happy young man into one of the State's foremost citizens, and through these twenty-six years, calumny itself has never criticised his integrity; scholarship has not questioned his ability nor has energy mocked his industry. He is a man among men--essentially a leader. He has never held a political office but has managed difficult State questions and has established here one of the greatest institutions in America. His accomplishments have been marvelous against stupendous odds. I want you not only to vote for Mr. Cherry, but to speak to your friends concerning his race.

If you, for his sake or for mine, consent to support his candidacy, won't you give me the names and addresses of four or five of your most influential friends?

Very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. L. H." with a stylized, flowing script.